

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I CERTAINLY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO HAVE A MEDICAL EXAM OR HEARING TEST BEFORE BUYING AN HEARING AID. I NEVER HEARD OF A PROBLEM WITH A PERSON DOING SO.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I WAS 80 YEARS OLD MY LAST BIRTHDAY AND I DREAD THE TIME THAT WILL COME WHEN I CAN NO LONGER DRIVE MY CAR. MY WIFE DIED IN 89 AND I LIVE ALONE. MY CHILDREN LIVE OUT OF THIS STATE SUCH AS CALIFORNIA AND MICHIGAN.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

THE ANSWER TO THIS IS A BIG NO.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

THE ANSWER TO THIS IS A BIG YES.

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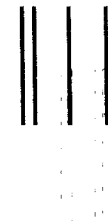
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